

REMARKS

Claims are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, FIGS. 1-2;

Species II, FIGS. 3-4;

Species III, FIGS 5-7;

Species IV, FIG. 8;

Species V, FIG. 9;

Species VI, FIG. 10;

Species VII, FIG. 11;

Species VII, FIG. 12;

Species IX, FIG. 13;

Species X, FIG. 14;

Species XI, FIG. 15;

Species XII, FIGS. 16-20;

Species XIII, FIG. 21;

Species XIV, FIG. 22;

Species XV, FIG. 23;

Species XVI, FIG. 24;

Species XVII, FIGS. 25-27;

Species XVIII, FIG. 28;

Species XIX, FIG. 29;

Species XX, FIG. 30-31;

Species XXI, FIG. 32-35;

Species XXII, FIG. 36-37;

Species XXIII, FIG. 38;

Species XXIV, FIG. 39;

Species XXV, FIG. 40;

Species XXVI, FIG. 41;

Species XXVII, FIG. 42-43(b);

Species XXVIII, FIG. 44(a)-(d);

Species XXIX, FIG. 45;

Species XXX, FIG. 46;

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Species I, including FIGS 1 and 2, and claims 1-7 and 10.

A. TRAVERSAL

It is respectfully submitted that the election of species requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable number of species is set forth in the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his election of species requirement and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in his election of species requirement, the Applicant reserves the right to file one or

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more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later date if they so desire.

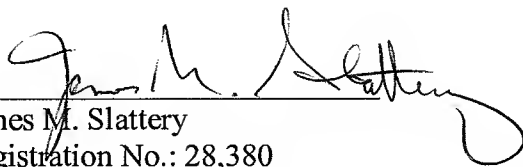
If the Examiner determines that independent claim 1 is allowable, then all of the claims depending from claim should be rejoined and considered allowable as well.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at 703-208-4030 (direct line), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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